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RUHVPAC/HQ PACAF HICKAM AFB HI//CC//

RUEAHIC/CDRUSARPAC FT SHAFTER HI

RUEANAK/CDRUSARAK FT RICHARDSON AK

RUWMDMA/COMUSNAVAK JUNEAU AK

RUEARSK/CDR ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD FT RICHARDSON AK

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PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL PRUEHER. INFO: ADMIRAL CLEMINS, GENERAL MYERS,

LTG STEELE, MG SIMPSON, REAR ADMIRAL CROSS, MG LESTENKOF//

MSGID/GENADMIN/COMALCOM//

SUBJ/VISIT OF LTG WU QUANXU//

RMKS/1. SIR, THE TEN MEMBER CHINESE DELEGATION VISIT TO ALASKA LED BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL WU QUANXU, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF FOR THE CHINESE PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY APPEARED TO BE A SOLID SUCCESS FROM OUR END. GENERAL WU MADE FREQUENT COMMENTS TO ME ABOUT,

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HIS HIGH REGARD FOR THE U.S. MILITARY CAPABILITY IN THE PACIFIC AND COMMENTED OFTEN HOW MUCH HE APPRECIATED THE CANDID AND OPEN RECEPTION HE RECEIVED AT EVERY STOP DURING HIS VISIT. I FOUND HIM TO HAVE A SURPRISINGLY REFRESHING SENSE OF HUMOR, INCLUDING HIS COMMENT TO YOU DURING THE VTC THAT I LIKED ALASKA SO MUCH THAT..."IT WOULD BE NICE IF MY BOSSES LOST MY TELEPHONE NUMBER." THE ENTIRE DELEGATION EXHIBITED PRIDE IN THEIR FAMILIES AND CHINESE CULTURE AS WE ASKED THEM A MYRIAD OF QUESTIONS, AND THEY WERE RESPECTFUL AND OPEN TO OUR IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. I ALSO FOUND THEM TO BE MORE INTELLECTUAL AND REFLECTIVE THAN MANY OF OUR OTHER FOREIGN MILITARY GUESTS.

2. OUR ITINERARY INCLUDED A BREAKFAST WITH AIRMEN AT A MILITARY DINING FACILITY, AN ALCOM COMMAND BRIEFING, A SEARCH AND RESCUE VIDEO, A JOINT TRAINING VIDEO, A HANDS ON TRAINING SESSION IN AN F-15E SIMULATOR, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE YUKON MEASUREMENT DEBRIEFING

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SYSTEM DURING AN ONGOING COPE THUNDER EXERCISE, A TAXIWAY VIEW OF MULTIPLE FIGHTER DEPARTURES FOR COPE THUNDER MISSIONS, A SWING BY OUR BUSY AIRLIFT RAMP AS AIRCRAFT WERE BEING SERVICED, A TOUR OF THE JOINT MOBILITY COMPLEX, AND AN INDEPTH ORIENTATION OF THE SOLDIERS, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING REGIMEN OF THE U.S. ARMY, ALASKA. WE CONCLUDED WITH A STEAK COOKOUT AT A CHALET ON SIX-MILE LAKE AT

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ELMENDORF, FEATURING EASY LISTENING ENTERTAINMENT BY THE AIR FORCE BAND OF THE PACIFIC. ALASKA ADJUTANT GENERAL, MAJOR GENERAL JAKE LESTENKOF AND THE COMMANDER OF THE ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD, BRIGADIER GENERAL KEN TAYLOR, PARTICIPATED IN OUR BRIEFINGS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. WE ALSO GAVE THE DELEGATION A TASTE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AT A DOWNTOWN DINNER AND TOUR OF ANCHORAGE.

OBSERVATIONS:

EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL: GENERAL WU AND HIS DELEGATION EXPRESSED GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST AND ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT JOINT C2, SIMULATORS, TROOP TRAINING, WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT, AND THE SUBJECT OF OUR ENLISTED FORCE. THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH OUR ABILITY TO REPLAY THE COMPLETE AIR PICTURE DURING AIRCREW DEBRIEFINGS TO IMPROVE TACTICAL PROFICIENCY. THEY UNDERSTOOD THE TRAINING VALUE OF USING HIGH FIDELITY SIMULATORS. A LASTING IMPRESSION WAS MADE BY THE ARMY DEMONSTRATION OF OUR TRAINING WITH THE MULTIPLE INTEGRATED LASER ENGAGEMENT SYSTEM (MILES). THE PLA DELEGATION STATED THEY HAVE A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR SYSTEM THAT IS GOOD FOR TACTICAL TRAINING, BUT IS NOT PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR EVALUATING MARKSMANSHIP OR ANY KIND OF GUNNERY TRAINING. GENERAL WU GENUINELY ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN AND I WOULD GUESS, GIVEN HIS EASE WITH THE

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TROOPS, THAT HE IS AN EFFECTIVE LEADER. HIS INTEREST AND CONCERN FOR THE TRAINING AND WELL-BEING OF SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT FROM HIS WIDE-RANGING QUESTIONS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT THE NCO CONCEPT, AND THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN INTO THE U.S. SERVICES. GENERAL WU ALWAYS MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH AIRMAN AND SOLDIER HE TALKED TO.

OUR SERIES OF BRIEFINGS CONSISTED OF A COMMAND OVERVIEW AND CHINESE OVERDUBBED VIDEOS ON OUR JOINT TRAINING EXERCISE NORTHERN EDGE AND ON SEARCH AND RESCUE. THE NORTHERN EDGE VIDEO SHOWCASED JOINT TRAINING AT ITS BEST IN ALASKA. THE SECOND VIDEO SHOWED THE NATIONAL GUARD, COAST GUARD AND AIR FORCE CONDUCTING SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATIONS, GENERAL WU MADE MANY COMMENTS. HE NOTED SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ALASKA AND CHINA. BOTH HAVE VAST AREAS, LARGE SEASONAL VARIATIONS IN WEATHER AND MANY DISTINCTIVE CLIMATIC REGIONS. HE

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EXPLAINED THAT THE PLA IS PLAYING A BIG PART IN CHINA'S "SOCIALIST MODERNIZATION" DRIVE AND HAS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN CHINESE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH OUR JOINT CAPABILITIES AS SHOWN IN THE NORTHERN EDGE VIDEO. IN RESPONSE TO THE SEARCH AND RESCUE VIDEO, GENERAL WU TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT DISASTER RELIEF IN

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CHINA -- INDICATING THAT THE PLA USES A CIV/MIL TEAM EFFORT FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE BUT DOES NOT HAVE DEDICATED FORCES FOR THE MISSION. HOWEVER, HE DID SAY THAT NORTHEAST CHINA HAS VAST FOREST LANDS AND THERE IS A PLA HELICOPTER ON DUTY TO RESPOND IN CASE OF DISASTERS. I TOOK THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SUGGEST A LOW LEVEL SEARCH AND RESCUE EXCHANGE BETWEEN PLA FORCES AND ALASKAN COMMAND. AS EXPECTED, GENERAL WU WAS NONCOMMITTAL BUT HE DID STATE HIS VIEW THAT FUNCTIONAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION ARE IMPORTANT. I BELIEVE HE WAS PERSONALLY PLEASED BY THE PROSPECT OF SUCH AN INITIATIVE AND WILL SUPPORT IT. HE STATED THEY WOULD FULLY CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL UPON RETURNING TO CHINA. LATER, OVER LUNCH, MUCH OF THE CONVERSATION REFLECTED INTEREST IN SEARCH AND RESCUE. MY NEXT STEP WILL BE A PROPOSAL TO YOUR STAFF FOR A PLA SEARCH AND RESCUE EXCHANGE VISIT TO ALASKA IN 1998.

C. LT GEN WU YUGIAN WAS MORE RESERVED, BUT HE WAS VERY CONGENIAL, OBSERVANT, AND IMPRESSIVE WHEN HE DID SPEAK OR ASK QUESTIONS. HIS DUTIES AS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE SHENYANG COMMAND PLACE HIM IN AN AREA THAT IS SIMILAR TO ALASKA IN SIZE AND CLIMATE. HE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE SEASONAL IMPACT OF ALASKA'S WEATHER ON OUR TRAINING AND ON THE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT WE USE.

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THE VISIT RECEIVED SOME MEDIA ATTENTION. IN FACT, MORE THAN WE INITIALLY EXPECTED. . . . POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF THE LONG TERM VIEW THIS STATE HAS TOWARD CHINA. AS I THINK I HAD MENTIONED TO YOU ONCE BEFORE, ALASKA IS VERY FOCUSED ON CHINA AS AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. TWO TV STATIONS MET THE DELEGATION WHEN THEY ARRIVED. WE STRESSED THAT THIS VISIT WAS THE FIRST VISIT EVER TO ALASKA BY A HIGH RANKING CHINESE MILITARY DELEGATION. THE CHINESE SEEMED VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THE ATTENTION. HIGHLIGHTED BY TV COVERAGE OF THEIR MISSION. ADDITIONALLY, THE ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS PUBLISHED A GOOD PICTURE OF GENERAL WU IN THE F-15E SIMULATOR. WE ARE FORWARDING THAT PICTURE AND SHORT ARTICLE TO USDAO, BEIJING.

I WANT TO COMMENT REAR ADMIRAL DAVE POLATKY, THE SENIOR ESCORT, AND YOUR CHINA DESK PROJECT OFFICER MAJOR STEVE TOWNSEND. YOU COULD NOT HAVE PICKED TWO BETTER OFFICERS TO CARRY OUT THIS VISIT. THEY WERE EXCELLENT TEAM LEADERS THAT CLEARLY WON THE TRUST AND APPRECIATION OF THE PLA DELEGATION.

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THE ALASKA TEAM ENJOYED HOSTING THIS VISIT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
FUTURE EXCHANGES AS PACIFIC COMMAND REACHES FORWARD INTO CHINA.
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